

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1        1 (currently amended): A method for using a mobile communication device used by a mobile user within a telecommunication network for distributing an emergency call message within said telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps of:
  - 6              determining a first set comprising one or more terminals;
  - 7              determining a second set comprising one or more terminals;
  - 8              generating an emergency call message to the terminals of said first set;
  - 9              wherein, if no terminal of said first set acknowledges said emergency call message, then automatically sending said emergency call message to said terminals of said second set, wherein
  - 10          said terminals of one of said first set and said second set are mobile devices part of the communication network that are in a vicinity closest to said mobile user, and further wherein
  - 11          said terminals of the other of said first set and said second set are terminals predefined by said user.
- 1        2 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the mobile user generates an emergency call message by using a single control element of his mobile device.
- 1        3 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the emergency call message is automatically generated by an emergency call detector.
- 1        4 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the

2 emergency call message contains at least a stored  
3 characteristic of said mobile user or a pointer to such a  
4 characteristic.

1 5 (previously amended): The method of claim 4, wherein  
2 said at least one characteristic is stored in a memory area of  
3 an identification module of the mobile user.

1 6 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic is stored by said mobile user.

1 7 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic is downloaded by a third party.

1 8 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic is downloaded over said  
3 telecommunication network.

1 9 (original): The method of claim 7, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic is downloaded over a contactless  
3 interface at close range.

1 10 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises the name of said mobile  
3 user.

1 11 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises the blood group of said  
3 mobile user.

1 12 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises the gender of said mobile  
3 user.

1 13 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at

2 least one characteristic comprises the hair color of said  
3 mobile user.

1 14 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises the age of said mobile  
3 user.

1 15 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises the car type of said mobile  
3 user.

1 16 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises the car color of said  
3 mobile user.

1 17 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises the car plate number of  
3 said mobile user.

1 18 (original): The method of claim 4, wherein said at  
2 least one characteristic comprises a picture of said mobile  
3 user.

1 19 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 emergency call message is sent as SMS message.

1 20 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 emergency call message is sent as USSD message.

1 21 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 emergency call message is sent as GPRS packet.

1 22 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 emergency call message is sent as e-mail.

1        23 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 emergency call messages are signed electronically.

1        24 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein part of  
2 said emergency call messages is encrypted electronically.

1        25 (previously presented): The method of claim 1,  
2 wherein said first set or said second set includes all mobile  
3 devices using the same base station as said mobile user.

1        26 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein the  
2 position of said mobile devices within a cell of the  
3 telecommunication network is determined through a location-  
4 determining system in said telecommunication network and  
5 wherein the emergency call message is distributed first on the  
6 basis of this position indication to other mobile devices in  
7 the vicinity.

1        27 (original): The method of claim 26, wherein the  
2 emergency call message is distributed to mobile devices that  
3 are progressively further away from the mobile user.

1        28 (original): The method of claim 27, wherein the  
2 emergency call message is distributed any further until a  
3 mobile device has dispatched a confirmation.

1        29 (original): The method of claim 27, wherein the  
2 emergency call message is forwarded to the terminals  
3 predefined by said user only when all active users within a  
4 defined area have been reached.

1        30 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 terminals predefined by the mobile user are listed

3 hierarchically and wherein the emergency call message is  
4 distributed progressively to all levels of this hierarchy.

1 31 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 terminals predefined by the mobile user are stored in an  
3 identification module of the mobile user.

1 32 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 terminals predefined by the mobile user are stored in a memory  
3 area accessible from a mobile switching center (MSC) in the  
4 telecommunication network.

1 33 (previously presented): The method of claim 1,  
2 wherein the location of said mobile user is also monitored  
3 after said emergency call message has been sent, and wherein  
4 said emergency call message is forwarded to other mobile  
5 devices in a new vicinity of the mobile user if this location  
6 changes.

1 34 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein at least  
2 one reached mobile device dispatches a confirmation to an  
3 address indicated in said emergency call message.

1 35 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein at least  
2 one reached mobile device dispatches a confirmation to said  
3 mobile user.

1 36 (original): The method of claim 1, wherein said  
2 emergency call message is completed by a fixed device in said  
3 telecommunication network.

1 37 (previously presented): An identification module  
2 for a mobile terminal for performing the method of claim 1,  
3 wherein it has a memory area for at least one characteristic

4 of the mobile user, this characteristic being used only for  
5 emergency call messages, as well as a memory area for a list  
6 of terminals predefined by the mobile user and to which  
7 emergency call messages must be sent.

1 38 (original): The identification module of claim 37,  
2 wherein it contains an electronic certificate with which  
3 emergency call messages can be signed.

1 39 (previously presented): A device in a mobile radio  
2 network for performing the method of claim 1 that has a  
3 location determining system for determining the position of  
4 mobile devices within at least one area of said  
5 telecommunication network, wherein it has a memory area loaded  
6 with a software program for recognizing an emergency call  
7 message from a mobile user in said area, and for distributing  
8 this emergency call message first to mobile devices in the  
9 vicinity of the mobile user and then to terminals, predefined  
10 by said user, in the telecommunication network.

1 40 (previously presented): A method for using a mobile  
2 communication device used by a user within a telecommunication  
3 network for distributing an emergency call message within the  
4 telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps  
5 of:

6 allowing the user to communicate with other users in non-  
7 emergency situations;  
8 generating an emergency call message in an emergency;  
9 automatically sending the emergency call message first to  
10 one or more arbitrary mobile devices in a vicinity  
11 closest to the mobile user; and then  
12 distributing the emergency call message to terminals  
13 predefined by said user.

1       41 (previously presented) :     The method of claim 40,  
2 wherein at least one characteristic of the user other than the  
3 user's identity is stored in a memory area of an  
4 identification module included in the mobile communication  
5 device.

1       42 (previously presented) : A method for using a mobile  
2 communication device used by a user within a telecommunication  
3 network for distributing an emergency call message within the  
4 telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps  
5 of:

6              providing a user with a means for communicating with  
7              other users in non-emergency situations;  
8              generating an emergency call message in an emergency;  
9              sending the emergency call message first to one or more  
10              arbitrary mobile devices in a vicinity closest to  
11              the mobile user; and then  
12              optionally sending the emergency call message to one or  
13              more arbitrary mobile devices in a vicinity less  
14              close to the mobile user than the arbitrary mobile  
15              devices in the vicinity closest to the mobile user;  
16              and  
17              optionally distributing the emergency call message to  
18              terminals predefined by said user.

1       43 (previously presented) :     The method of claim 42,  
2 wherein at least one characteristic of the user other than the  
3 user's identity is stored in a memory area of an  
4 identification module included in the mobile communication  
5 device.

1       44 (previously presented) : A method for using a mobile  
2 communication device used by a user within a telecommunication

3 network for distributing an emergency call message within the  
4 telecommunication network, said method comprising the steps  
5 of:

6 generating an emergency call message in an emergency;  
7 automatically sending the emergency call message first to  
8 one or more arbitrary mobile devices part of the  
9 communication network that are geographically  
10 closest to the mobile user; and then  
11 distributing the emergency call message to terminals  
12 predefined by said user.

1 45 (previously presented) : The method of claim 44,  
2 wherein at least one characteristic of the user other than the  
3 user's identity is stored in a memory area of an  
4 identification module included in the mobile communication  
5 device.